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## Remarks

Claims 14, 15, 23, 24, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weber et al. (U.S. Patent 3,222,204) in view of Diesslin et al. (U.S. Patent 2,567,011).

Claims 14, 15, 29, 30, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Belisle et al. (U.S. Patent 4,725,494) in view of Weber et al. (U.S. Patent 3,222,204) and Diesslin et al. (U.S. Patent 2,567,011).

Claims 14, 15, 35, 36, 38 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris et al. (U.S. Patent 6,204,971) in view of Weber et al. (U.S. Patent 3,22,204) and Diesslin et al. (U.S. Patent 2,567,011).

The amendment to claim 14 is believed to overcome each of the rejections. A timely allowance is respectfully requsted.

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